

THE OUTCROP.

Devoted to the Mining and Development of the Windermere and Golden Divisions of the District of North East Kootenay.

Book IV., Chapter 16.

Wilmer, B. C., Thursday, September 17, 1903.

\$2.00 Per Year.

A Liberal Manifesto

The Policy Which Mr. W. C. Wells has Adopted.

Electors of British Columbia:

A Liberal convention held at Vancouver on the 6th and 7th of May, 1902, the following platform adopted:

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have been Conservative. The Prior, Dunsmuir, Turner, and previous governments have been almost entirely composed of Conservatives, supported by the mine bar.

The present government of which the Honorable Richard McBride is premier, is the natural successor in tradition and policy of that indecisive series of personal governments which have made this province, although the richest of any in natural resources, the least prosperous in the Dominion.

With our vast mineral and other resources the progress of our development has been slow and entirely unsatisfactory. Unwise legislation, principally in the interest of speculation, not of industry, is responsible for a very large extent for this condition of affairs.

The public assets, valuable franchises and monopolies, have been given away to favorite persons and corporations, instead of being utilized for the benefit of the people at large and this has been going on for so long a time that the province now finds itself compelled to exact from industry that revenue which our affairs have never conducted, could have been obtained from our expanded real estate.

The last Conservative government, owing to its maladministration of the public affairs of the province, was through the efforts principally of a small band of liberals, dismissed from office, and accident and the introduction of public lines has placed another liberal government in power, and has placed at the head of that government a man who was not only an ardent supporter of past Conservative administration, but was also a member of one of them, and shared fully in the responsibility of an attempt on the part of that government to give away to a railway corporation, in direct defiance of the instructions of the legislature as expressed by statute, two large blocks of immensely valuable coal and oil lands in Kootenay.

It is the aim of the Liberal party to place in the field at the coming election men pledged to remedy the evils from which we have so long suffered.

Among the matters requiring immediate attention are the following:—
(1) Civil Service Reform.—(a) By taking care that the staff of officials shall not be maintained beyond the actual requirements of the service; (b) by making good conduct and efficiency the conditions of tenure of office; (c) fitness, not favoritism, to govern appointments.

Fiscal Reform.—(a) By keeping expenditure within revenue, borrowing money if at all only for works properly chargeable to capital; (b) to wise and prudent administration of the natural riches of the province, so as to bring into the treasury that revenue which should be derived from our great and varied resources; we declare our conviction that the proper taxes, rents, and royalties, can and ought to be levied and collected in such a way as to encourage industry and at the same time provide sufficient revenue and enable the government to repeal its whole or in part certain taxes which now hamper industry, arrest development, and create dissatisfaction among the people.

(c) In this connection the taxation of mines will receive that consideration which the importance of the mining industry to the province demands. It is not claimed by those engaged in mining that their property should be exempt from taxation, but they do claim that the present system of levying taxes

is unfair, and tends to discourage the investment of capital and the employment of labor in mining enterprise, thus not only retarding the development of our mineral resources, but also impeding the prosperity of the mining community, and preventing the enlargement of sources of revenue to the province itself. The present system imposes a tax on wages as well as on profits, and should be adjusted so as to bear upon profit only.

Reform in Land Administration.—(a) We denounce absolutely the Conservative policy of land grants by way of bounties to railways, and also the reservation of large tracts of land which has obtained in the past.

(b) We declare that it is our policy to lead the public lands in trust for the promotion of settlement and encouragement of industry. In the case of agricultural lands, we favor free small individual owner conditions which shall effectively secure the land to actual settlers.

(c) Full and exact information as to all public lands (a) for settlement should be obtained for the government, and made available to every citizen either for the information, if the need be.

The Farming Industry.—(a) Recognizing the importance of agriculture to the province, we are in favor of placing the agricultural department of the government on a thoroughly practical and efficient basis.

(b) The land management and inefficiency of the government have imposed upon the owners of the dyked lands a much heavier burden than they should have been called upon to bear. We would enact legislation making the lands available for cultivation as quickly as possible. This whole question calls for prompt attention and settlement upon a basis which shall bear most justly on the owners of these lands and fair to the taxpayers of the province as a whole.

(c) In the interest of agriculture in what is commonly known as the dry belt, the question of the proper utilization of the water supply by irrigation purposes demands and shall receive prompt attention from the government.

Roads.—The present lack of systems of constructing and maintaining roads and trails is indicative of a serious waste of public money, and in this connection more can be done to open up new districts where roads are needed, and at least not what has been done in the past, under the wasteful and corrupt system which has been so long in vogue.

Public Health.—The Health Act should be amended so as to meet the growing requirements of the government, in respect of sanitation and isolation, as well as no adequate protection is now found in the statutes.

Provincial Rights.—Regardless of all questions of party affiliation, the rights of the province under the constitution should be jealously guarded. While from the point of view of Dominion policy, we heartily support the government now in power at Ottawa, we shall at the same time insist most firmly upon the protection of our people by their rights of provincial status, and we shall assert most upon the right of the province to make such provision as it shall see fit in all contract, grants, and leases under provincial control. We shall also strenuously press upon the Dominion government a readjustment of its financial relations, and we claim the full enjoyment of all rights given us by the letter

and spirit of the constitution. In conclusion, we appeal to all patriotic voters in British Columbia to seize the opportunity now presented to them to rid the province of that incumbrance which has been so disastrous to its progress, and to secure sane, progressive, and stable government by placing the Liberals in power at Victoria.

SECRET HYDROGRAPHIC, President T. S. BAYTON, Secretary.

DISTRICT CROPPINGS

And Other Items of Interest in a General Way

The Atholmer school has been opened.

F. L. Snook and T. H. Taylor left yesterday for Golden.

The potato crop is very large this year and some monstrous ones are to be seen.

On account of the delay last trip the Parmington will miss a trip and arrive on time Friday.

It said the steamer Hyak will be overhauled and used to take a party of Indian hunters to the Columbia lake.

Benjamin McBride has a yarn about Jim Hill building the Kootenay Central Road way through this valley, which we hope to prove true.

Our reporter made a trip up Boulder creek last week, but we do not have time to tell you the "red herring" yet as we did not have the country at least not so deep as some are doing.

The Grange has refused an ad. from a Toronto departmental store, but other farmers are printing it. It may be better to have taken the "red herring" yet as we did not have the country at least not so deep as some are doing.

There has been a great howl made over the changing of election day to Oct. 3. While it may make little difference to the electors of this riding yet it is unfair and should be altered as it does not fit both parties an equal chance.

Rev. Foster conducted the Presbyterian services in this vicinity on Sunday and had good attendance. He intends remaining here for sometime. He has travelled the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, and all across the continent and through California and different parts of British Columbia, yet he says he has not seen any place that he is so much pleased with as this valley.

Another secret wedding has come to light during the past week—it was found that our young people are all very fond of secret marriages.

They will talk over the summit of the Rocky Mountains and are accompanied by J. S. Butler and Joe Lewis who will see them across the summit.

From there Mr. and Mrs. Ranch will take the band of horse and dismount of them. They will return to Wilmer in a few weeks and make their home in the cottage just across the creek from the village.

An Indian caught six big eels at the mouth of Tolly creek the other day.

The Peterborough Trading Co. is erecting another large warehouse at the rear of its store.

Several Main street lots have been sold in Wilmer lately and buildings are contemplated.

Clearing sale—White Wyandotte Falls, at 40 per dozen. Apply to The T. Pine, Golden.

The boiler and engine for the Paradise saw mill has arrived and the mill is expected very soon.

Mosses, R. H. Bruce and H. St. J. Moss (a) left Golden last week returning on Sunday's steamer.

Owing to breaking a steamship the Parmington was delayed near Portland from Saturday night until Sunday afternoon.

A final meeting of the subscribers of the Wilmer Town Hall Co. will be held in the School House tomorrow, Friday evening.

Several parties are complaining that they have lost horses and think they have been taken with some of the numerous bands that have been taken over to the North West.

Mrs. Scott came over from Wilmer last Monday to visit her children friends. This happens only once in a long time, but her friends are always pleased to see her and little Miss Vigil.

The telephone line was down from Tuesday last week until Monday of this week when it was repaired.

The improvement on a claim piece of farming land, 100 acres, of which 42 acres are ploughed, 50 miles north of Calgary. Fine cattle country, with timber and water, also good building and soil. Will accept \$200. For full particulars apply at this office or to W. G. Hunter, Wilmer, B.C.

On Monday morning the death of Alfred McArthur, aged nine years, occurred from diphtheria. Alfred had only been a short time and his death was much looked for. He was a clever little fellow and will be much missed by his parents and those who knew him. The funeral was on Monday afternoon and the casket was covered with flowers. Rev. Father Landon conducted the service. Much sympathy is felt by all for Mrs. and Mr. McArthur.

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The good people of Atholmer are very much moved with the telephone line. A couple of weeks ago that instrument would not remain in place and since then the only one that can get out of it (the ring of the bell) as they say. The business men have suffered and it is now as a consequence not so much as a consequence. It is now put in place and the people of the other towns having sympathy with Atholmer in all kinds of troubles and men have been crying in nearly every language known to civilization. While the instrument at Wilmer, Atholmer and Wilmer have been a great benefit, yet they are only local phones and are not made for the purpose they are now used for. As the Government is collecting revenue from this telephone system it will reduce these men to "long distant phones" as the atmosphere is all "hazy."

R. G. Sheppard and C. Smith, publishers of the Golden Star, have received notice and that paper, for a while, will be "under" the Golden Star.

Golden Nugget

From Our Own Correspondent: Golden, B.C., Sept. 12—

The cold weather that has been for the past week makes one think the winter is not far off. The hills around Golden look beautiful with the different colored autumn leaves.

C. E. Niles, of the Laborer's Cooperative Mining Co., and party returned on Sunday last from Los River. The company have decided to continue operations on the claim they have in that district, which are all showing up very well. Messrs. Niles, Severin and Nisbee have returned Chicago, being well pleased with the prospects of their investments in this vicinity and intend spending considerable money to make things a success.

Mrs. T. A. L. Smith, of Columbia, B. C., are the guests of Mrs. Brownrigg. Mrs. Smith intends remaining with her mother for the winter.

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The Outcrop to your Eastern Friends.

COMPANIES ACT 1897.

Memorandum of Association

—OF—

The Wilmer Town Hall Co., (Ltd.)

1. The name of the Company is "The Wilmer Town Hall Company, Limited."
2. The registered office of the Company will be situate at the office of Wilmer, B.C.
3. The capital of the Company \$2,500.00, divided into 250 shares of \$10.00 each.
4. The following are the objects for which the Company has been incorporated:
 - (a) To acquire by purchase or otherwise, within the said town of Wilmer, one or more town lots, and to erect, equip, and maintain thereon, a building or buildings, and improvements of a class and character suitable for the general purposes and requirements of a town hall.
 - (b) To furnish the Company's property with such furniture and conveniences as may be necessary with a view to the sale of ice thereon.
 - (c) To permit the Company's building or buildings and premises, or any part thereof, to be used or leased on such terms and for such purposes, public or private, as the Company shall see fit.
 - (d) To borrow, raise, or secure, the payment of money as the Company shall deem necessary for its purposes.
 - (e) To sell and lease of the property of the Company and any part thereof for such consideration as the Company may deem advisable.
 - (f) To lease shares as fully or partly paid up, for property or rights acquired by the Company, for work done or services rendered, or for other consideration, or for any valuable consideration, other than the payment of cash.
 - (g) To make, accept, execute and issue promissory notes, bills, bills of exchange, debentures or other negotiable securities.
 - (h) Generally to do all such things as are necessary or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.
5. We the several persons whose names and addresses are subscribed, and whose names are being forwarded into a Company in pursuance of this memorandum of association, and we severally agree to take the number of shares of the capital stock of the Company set opposite our respective names:

COMPANIES ACT 1897.

Articles of Association of "The Wilmer Town Hall Company, Limited."

1. All the Articles in Table "A," except as hereby modified, shall be incorporated herewith and be deemed to apply to the Company.
2. The affairs of the Company shall be managed by five Directors, three of whom shall constitute a quorum.
3. The first directors shall be: E. Stirling, G. A. Starks, W. S. Patten, H. L. Ames, and George Behler.
4. The ordinary general meetings of the Company shall be held on the first Monday in October in each year.
5. At the ordinary general meeting to be held in year 1910 and at every succeeding ordinary general meeting the whole of the business shall be transacted, and the Company at every such general meeting shall fill up the vacancies otherwise by electing a like number of duly qualified members as directors. The retiring directors shall be eligible for re-election.
6. At any general meeting at which an election of directors is to be held, the directors retiring shall be eligible for re-election, and shall fill up the retiring directors, or such of them as have not had their places filled up, shall continue in office until the ordinary meeting in the next year, and shall continue in office until their places are filled up.
7. Any casual vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors may be filled up by the directors, or by the election of a member duly qualified, who shall hold office until the next ordinary general meeting. The retiring directors need not retire, standing any vacancy in their stead.
8. The directors may from time to time, at their discretion, raise on loan, and with or without interest, for the purposes of the Company, not so that the amount at any one time raised in respect of money so raised or borrowed shall not exceed the sum of \$500.00.
9. The directors may secure the repayment of such money, in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as they think fit, and in particular by way of mortgage, lien, or any part of the property or undertaking of the Company.
10. No business shall be transacted at any general meeting of the Company unless a quorum be present in person or by proxy.
11. The directors shall have full power and authority to select the site and to purchase all necessary material, supplies and furnishings required for the construction and equipment of the hall and to let contracts for the building and erection of the same, and to collect and gather in all donations and subscriptions for shares in the capital stock of the Company, and generally to exercise all such powers and do all such acts as are required by these Articles or by the Companies Act required to be done or exercised by the Company in general meeting.
12. The directors shall determine who shall be entitled to sign on the Company's behalf, bills, notes, receipts, acceptances, promissory notes, cheques, debentures, mortgages, contracts and documents on behalf of the Company.
13. We, the several persons whose names and addresses are subscribed, agree to take the number of shares in the capital of the Company set opposite our respective names:

Name, Address and Description of Subscribers.	Number of Shares taken in and paid up for
Thomas Stirling, Mine Manager, Wilmer, B.C.	5
G. A. Starks, Hunt & Patten, Wilmer, B.C.	20
W. S. Patten, Store Manager, Wilmer, B.C.	5
H. L. Ames, Blacksmith, Wilmer, B.C.	5
George Behler, Store Manager, Wilmer, B.C.	5

OUR ORE SHIPMENTS

Mine	Tonnage	Value
Paradise	1,871,000	
" In transit	1,600,000	
Delphins	176,411	\$7,346.06
" In transit	135,500	
Parmigan Mines	162,000	
" In transit	168,000	
Squaw	4,000	
White Cat	2,000	
Silver Belt	29,500	1,156.00
M. T. Fraction	69,036	4,204.63
Bonyan	1,000	49.00
	4,126,617	

PROVINCIAL CANDIDATES

- Atlin—J. Kirkland, Progressive.
Chilliwack—C. W. Munro, Liberal;
J. L. Atkinson, Conservative.
Columbia—W. C. Wells, Liberal.
Comox—F. McPherson, Liberal;
Cowichan—T. Cavin, Conservative;
J. H. King, Liberal.
Cowichan—E. M. Skinner, Conservative.
Egmont—C. E. Padey, Conservative;
J. J. Jordin, Liberal.
Fernie—J. McPherson, Socialist; E. C. Smith, Liberal; W. R. Ross, Conservative.
Grand Forks—J. Rindan, Socialist;
N. McCallum, Liberal; G. A. Fraser, Conservative.
Greenwood—J. R. Brown, Liberal.
Island—W. Peterson, Liberal.
Kamloops—F. J. Doane, Liberal; E. J. Fulton, Conservative.
Kaslo—J. L. Batack, Liberal; R. F. Green, Conservative.
Lillooet—Dr. Sanson, Liberal.
Newcastle—D. W. Murray, Liberal.
Nelson—S. S. Taylor, Liberal; J. Hinton, Conservative.
New Westminster—W. Gifford, Conservative.
Okanagan—T. W. Stirling, Liberal; P. Blinn, Conservative.
Revelstoke—John Bennett, Socialist.
Ross Taylor, Conservative; J. Kelly, Liberal.
Sundkamen—W. J. Smolgrass, Liberal.
L. F. Stirling, Conservative.
Skema—C. W. D. Clifford, Conservative; P. Herman, Liberal.
Squamish—R. A. Boshart, Liberal; W. Hunter, Conservative; W. Davidson, Progressive.
Saanich—Thomas Brayden, Liberal.
Vancouver—Ernest Barnes, Socialist; A. J. Perry and F. Williams, Progressive.
Victoria—J. Waters, L. O. Charlton, Socialist.
West Yale—Stuart Henderson, Liberal; T. G. McManus, Conservative.
Ymir—A. Farr, Liberal; H. Wright, Conservative.

There is now on sale at A. R. Yates Drug Store, Wilmer.
Property worth owning is worth insuring in the Canadian Fire Insurance Co. Apply to W. P. Evans, agent.

The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York is the strongest insurance company in the world. Rates of premium and all conditions and exclusions of all forms of policies can be obtained from W. P. Evans, Wilmer.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date of publication of this notice, all claims against the estate of the late J. H. Stirling, deceased, must be presented to the undersigned for payment. Claims not so presented will be barred. Dated this 10th day of October, 1909. J. H. STIRLING, Executor.

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The W. M. Co.

- SHOOTING -

The Season for Game is here. Get your supply of Cartridges now. The "VULCAN" is a particularly good one for chicken.

Come in and see a good "Hammerless Gun."

DON'T Forget Last Week's Ad.

Cash and One Price.

THE Wilmer Mercantile Company,

GEO. REHDER, - - - Manager.

ATHALMER SAW MILL.

Is Now Prepared to Fill Orders For Lumber of all Kinds

JAS. L. McKAY, Proprietor.

Chas. Cartwright, Agent, Athalmer, B.C.
TERMS, STRICTLY CASH TO ALL.

Columbia & Western Report.

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C. P. R., and the Government, represented by the following ministers present, viz., Messrs. Dunsinuir, Turner, Eberts, Melville and Prentice.

Immediately on the return of Mr. Wells he was called upon to ratify the agreement as head of the Land Department, although taking exception to the requirement of the two particular blocks of land referred to. In due course crown grants were prepared for these and when it came to actual delivery Mr. Wells again hesitated, taking the whole transaction up again with the Premier.

It was then determined that instead of delivering the crown grants to the company's agent, Mr. G. McL. Brown, they should be taken to Montreal by Mr. Wells, who was to lay the whole matter before Sir Thos. Shaughnessy, explaining to him the difficulty that the Government had got itself into and as a way out of it securing the construction of the Midway Spencer Bridge road.

From Mr. Wells' evidence—which it appeared impossible to break down under a severe cross-examination, extending over a period of some weeks—it was agreed between him and Sir Thomas Shaughnessy that the whole matter should be dropped until a more favorable time, and when again dealt with put upon an entirely different basis, by which public interest would be served and at the same time made satisfactory to the C. P. R.

Mr. Wells then returns to Victoria with the grants and the matter seems to have remained in abeyance until pressure was brought to bear upon the Premier for a surrender of the grants under the original terms. Mr. Dunsinuir takes the question up with Mr. Wells, urging upon him the necessity of carrying out the settlement and surrendering the grants. It was then that Mr. Wells took his stand declining any attempt to justify the transaction; suggesting other reasons—apart from violating the terms of the Subsidy Act and the apparent connivance of the C. P. R. to defraud the Crows Nest Coal company—why the settlement should not be carried out. Upon further discussion of the whole matter by the Government it was decided to cancel the grants and terminate the transaction.

The succeeding Government, under Col. Prior's premiership, brought down a bill, known as No. 16, confirming the action of Mr. Dunsinuir's Government in cancelling the crown grants, receiving the unanimous support of the House.

The report of the Committee in referring to this gives its approval as being in the public interests and dwelling upon the fact that the C. P. R. had never been entitled to the two particular blocks in question—5593 and 4594.

In so far as Mr. Wells' connection with this transaction two things are quite manifest, viz.: That the Dunsinuir Government in cancelling the grants fully confirmed his action in refusing to carry out and bringing the crown grants back with him from Montreal; and that the Prior Government, with the sanction of the whole House, in passing Bill No. 16 ratifying the cancellation was a most complete vindication, if anything more were wanted, of the course Mr. Wells had taken. There could, in fact, be nothing stronger, the essence or crux of the subsequent action of both governments being in the fact that the whole transaction was most timely knocked in the head.

We will in a later issue deal with Bill No. 87 over which a good deal has been made in discrediting the Prior Government.

It is safe to say from the evidence adduced that Mr. Wells fully protected himself against an attempt of Mr. G. McL. Brown, acting in behalf of the C. P. R., to compel the Government to a further infraction of its duty to the public interests.

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